

24 QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK YOUR HOSPICE, CONTINUED.

- 11 If a patient/family refuses to accept a medication, will the patient's decision be respected?
- 12 What levels of pain control will be used and what criteria will determine their use?
- 13 How frequently will patients needing pain control be monitored for its effectiveness?
- 14 What type of "comfort care" is this hospice using?
- 15 Will this hospice treat bed sores if the patient is not at the very end phase of dying?
- 16 Will the hospice accept a patient who is on dialysis?
- 17 Will this hospice continue performing dialysis on this patient?
- 18 Will this hospice provide client references that can be checked?
- 19 Do we have access to hospice staff 24/7 in case there is a problem controlling pain or some other distress condition arises?
- 20 What is the communication process between the hospice staff and the family of the patient?
- 21 Are there any circumstances where this hospice would demand the discharge of a patient?
- 22 How does this hospice handle aggressive behavior from an ill or mentally impaired patient?
- 23 Does this hospice decline to accept severely disabled patients who are not terminal?
- 24 Does this hospice decline to accept chronically ill patients who are not terminal?



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